



A.C. ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2008

I- GENERAL

- **Resumptions of the activities of A.C** after the pause in July and August following the departure of the Legal and Administrative assistant for the CHOC project of the UNDP Cameroon
- **Recruitment of a volunteer** and recall of a former volunteer to redynamise the field activities of the organization.
- Review and proposals of **new elements for the legal project of national legislation against corruption** discussed with UNDP, in collaboration with the Legal Department of LAGA.
- The **AC hotline** is more and more used in notifying the public and various institutions in Yaounde, and the multiplication of the field activities.

II INVESTIGATIONS

- **16 field investigations** were carried out. The following places were visited: the markets of Etoudi, Mokolo, Central, Nkoleton, Mvogbi, Essos, Elig-edzoa, Mimboman. During these visits, 08 complaints were recorded. 01 case concerns assassination because of negligence of the police force; 01 cases concerns corruption in a sodomy court case (a 10 year old child sodomized during 03 years by a young man from 23 years); 02 cases of police corruption; 02 cases of corruption concerning tax collectors of the market. From that finally 02 cases of proven corruption:
 - First case of corruption: the person in charge of a shop at the Yaounde central market of who, after having paid his taxes for the year 2008, received a notification of reclassification of the license,. The agent of the taxes responsible for this investigation demanded to be paid the sum of 50.000fcfa to put him in his register to show that the preliminary checks had been done.
 - Second case of corruption: An agent of the council in charge of payments after having seized 7 roles of fabric in a tailoring workshop of one at the Elig Edzoa market for irregular and temporary occupation of the public space demanded to be paid for the sum of 9000fcfa so as to give back the fabrics without any receipt.
- A meeting of A.C Cameroon with the Association of the motor bike riders of the Etoudi market in Santa Barbara to create contacts and define areas of collaboration and see how to fight against the corruption affecting the taxi motorbikes.
- **13 calls on the AC hotline** were registered:
 - 03 calls for a legal assistance.
 - 02 calls to enquire about the availability of number A.C
 - 01 call to have a good knowledge of the aforementioned organization

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- 01 call concerning a suspicion of corruption in a case of heredity and administration of the goods of one late person.
 - 04 calls to ask for advise and to encourage A.C in its delicate task.
 - 02 calls for which the callers remained silent.
- **244 posters** were posted at 19 different places: the Law courts of the administrative center, the direction of the taxes (Omnisport), the CNPS, the MINSANTE, the MINJUSTICE, the MINESEC, the E.N.S, the MINAT, the Ministry of Trade, and the markets enumerated above.
 - Observations noted during investigations:
 - With the Law courts of Yaounde Administrative Center several of posters were torn.
 - The tradesmen complain more of the fraudulent tax agents and price controllers who arrive usually without badges nor mission orders.
 - Communal agents who do not deliver receipts after traders had paid their council dues.
 - The acquisition of stores in newly constructed buildings difficult and businesses under the table very rampant.
 - Sometimes the tradesmen are unaware or pretend to be unaware of their obligations and duties towards the tax authorities and councils and maintain corrupt practices with the agents of these bodies.

III LEGAL

- A.C. studied and analyzed judgment N°1529/CO of the 08/07/08 of the Court of First Instance of Yaounde Administrative Center in the case of the state and Issouk Konde against Mrs. Ekosso with the maiden name of Moudine Louise for corruption.
- AC noticed that both parties were not notified.
- Follow-up of another case by AC at the legal department to ensure that the accused in the case of sodomy had been duly served with a warrant to remain behind bars and to prevent attempted corruption of the gendarmes in charge of the preliminary investigation.
- Setting up a working arrangement with a Bailiff with an aim of testifying of corruption (case of the central market).
- Review and proposals of new elements for the project of the national legislation against corruption, with UNDP, in collaboration with the legal department of LAGA.

IV MEDIA

- **2 newspaper articles** were produced and pushed through to the press: 1 in French and 1 in English.
- Guests: Barrister Dzodo Maurice one of two lawyers in the case of the students.
- Subjects developed on the fight against corruption : Capacity of ordinary citizens to carryout legal proceedings against corrupt civil servants.
- 1 press article in French and 1 article in English making a percentage of French 50% and English 50%.

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- An accountable results oriented system was created to classify the media pieces following the model “Organic System”.

V- HUMAN RESOURCES

- Interview and recruitment of a committed volunteer.
- Recruitment of a former volunteer in order to activate the field activities and to make direct contact with the new volunteer for one week.

VI RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- A.C. Cameroon participated in a meeting held at the Ecumenical Service for Peace with the representative of the Prime Ministry, the team of the Program CHOC represented by Dr. Michel Van Hulstein and Marius Talla of the UNDP as well as the members of the Civil Society and some NGOs notably Youth 4 Integrity International, RECAAD Cameroon, Transparency International. The topic of the meeting was entitled: “Access to Justice in the Project of the Fight against Corruption”
- 80% of the proposals of A.C. Cameroon were taken into account in improving the national legislation against corruption project.

VII RELATION WITH OTHER NGOs

- Meeting with Youth 4 Integrity International so as to get cases concerning the victims of corruption and to forward them to the court for legal action.

VIII MANAGEMENT

- Recruitment of a volunteer and recall of a former volunteer to for redynamise the field activities of the organization.

IX- FINANCES

The expenditure of AC per budgetary lines of September 08

Amount FCFA	Budgetary heading	Details	USD amount
162,000	Investigations	16 investigations	\$360.4
	Operations		
	Legal	1 case followed-up	
	Media	2 press releases, 1 in French and 1 in English	
	External Relations		
	Management		
27,545	Office		\$61.2
189,545	Total expenditure of September		421.6\$



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New NGO to mobilise public participation against graft

By Vincent G. Mfonfu.
Special correspondent



Authorities admit bribery in killing the economy

An international NGO with headquarters in Paris, France, has been set up in Cameroon to assist the government in the ongoing fight against corruption.

Anti-Corruption Organisation (AC. Org) was launched recently and will introduce innovative approaches such as encouraging public participation in the anti-graft process, according to promoters.

Corruption is a major economic and social problem in Cameroon, accounting for losses in hundreds of million francs every year.

Two times, in 1988 and 1999, corruption watchdog Transparency International rated the country the most current in the world.

Experts say much has not changed, and in addition to soiling Cameroon's image abroad, authorities now admit the practice is scaring away investors and hurting the economy.

The government began trying to deal with the problem in earnest in 2006 and so far at least half a dozen former cronies of the regime and scores of their former aides are behind bars.

AC. Org hopes to take the fight a notch further and get the public involved. It will also stimulate a system in which victims of corruption are compensated.

The idea of public participation is upheld by an international convention already signed by the government of Cameroon.

The international convention on the fight against corruption

corruption committees with responsibilities to repress acts of corruption in the various government ministries.

AC. Org works with a number of lawyers to also ensure that victims of corruption can find redress in court, irrespective of who the perpetrator is.

"One of the main elements of fighting corruption remains assistance to victims in the process of reparation of damages sustained," says Barrister Dzodo Maurice.

"Such an action will restore the confidence of Cameroonians in the judicial institutions of the country and this will go a long way to constitute an indispensable factor of deterrence."

Under such a system, Mr. Dzodo adds that any member of the public that feels that he/she was damaged by an act of corruption can pursue justice in court.

"If the fight against corruption is to be won, citizens have to play their role."

Authorities are already too aware of the need to act fast and properly. President Paul Biya recognizes that corruption is a principal hindrance to development.

"We now have institutional structures to track down corruption in all its forms. White collar criminals should be ware", the president said in one of his speeches.

Some state institutions put in place to fight corruption in Cameroon include the Audit Bench of the Supreme Court, the National Anti-corruption Commission (CONAC) and the National Financial Crimes Agency (ANIF).

Newspaper article aimed to mobilise the public and corruption victims as part of the strategy in the fight against corruption.



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